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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR KENTUCKY

Wells "East Bern

Moving picture operators of Houston. Tex., have received an increase of \$5 per week without strike.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron. Steel and Tin Workers will meet in convention at Granite City, Ill., on May 1. Shoe workers of Vancouver, Canada, have secured an increase of 10 per cent

in wages and a reduction of hours from

ten to nine per day. Two thousand six hundred and sixty. seven local unions comprise the United Mine Workers of America, the combined membership of which is 335,000;

Canadian membership, 5,306. Without strike an electric company of Lynn, Mass., has granted its employees a fifty-four hour week, with a 5 per cent increase and a 10 per cent bonus. This affects 15,000 employees.

Organized labor in the Panama canal zone generally secured an increase in wages the past year. A federal employees' union was installed. The commissary recently put in some union labeled goods.

New Jersey Court Ruling.

In Newark Hair and Byproducts company against Feldman, in the supreme court of New Jersey (December, 1916, 99 Atl., 602), it was held that a stenographer in the employ of a corporation occupying the fourth floor of a building and having no control over the lower floors, who, when a fire originated in one of the lower floors and shut off any escape, was so burned as to cause death, came to her death as the result of an accident arising out of and in the course of employment.

000000000000000000 ECONOMIC POWER.

The real permarent benefits o that come into the lives of the o workers, those which are felt o o from day to day and not merely o o during times of special need, are o brought about by the trade union o o movement. The trade union o o movement represents the organ- o o ized economic power of the work- o o ers. Through the development, o the organization and the exercise o of this economic power the work- o ers themselves establish higher o standards of living and work. o Although this economic power o from the superficial standpoint o o seems indirect, it is in reality the o o most potent and the most direct o o social insurance the workers can o establish. It is the only agency o that really guarantees to them o protection against the results of o the eventualities of life and give o them a feeling of security.-Sam- o

The Knoxville Independent UNITY SOURCE OF LABOR STRENGTH

Organized Collective Action Is the Safety of Workers.

THE INDIVIDUAL HELPLESS

Haphazard and Planless Protests Never Conduce to Better Toilers' Condition-Labor Progress Comes Only Through Definite Group Action Backed by Right and Justice.

By SAMUEL GOMPERS.

The individual who does not recognize that his problems of living are identified with those of his fellows has missed the key to the solution of his problems. Unaided, he can accomplish but little in a field where collective effort is the basis for all effective action. Employers, directors of enterprises, join together for organized assistance to each other. Co-operation on | road tunnels. the managerial side, the large scale organization of industry and commerce, have made the condition of unorganized workers intolerable. Workers as individuals have been economically and mentally enervated. Only by present-I. J. Smith President ing united opposition have they been able to maintain themselves as human beings. Although the Roman soldiers marching singly found it impossible to go against an enemy in strongly fortified cities, they could advance with safety marching shoulder to shoulder under the protection of a testudo formed by overlapping their shields. So organized collective action is the safety of workers dependent upon employers for an opportunity to earn a livelihood.

Regardless of the kind of work they do, wherever workers have learned organization they have been able to protect themselves and to secure better Robert Gann Soddy, Tenn. conditions. Haphazard, planless conditions are never conducive to progress. Organization enables the group to put driving force behind their demands and wade Brown . East Bernstadt, Ky. ideals. Thus many so called unskilled workers receive higher pay than those following professional or semiprofessional callings.

Unorganized workers find themselves f. J. Smith Graysville, Tenn. helpless when confronted by a period John F. Bowden ___Knoxville, Tenn. of transition. Protection comes only Pat Cary Knoxville, Tenn through definite group action in accord with constructive policies—a condition impossible without organization. So, when the European cataclysm enveloped the whole world, in the reaction following came congestion in commerce and an abrupt cessation of the arts of country were choked. It is an ancient brunt of industrial reactions in the the dairy farmer. form of unemp and higher prices.

Organized workers can act as a unit in protest against lower wages-by protest they act as a stabilizing force waste. Organized workers under war conditions have not only resisted reduction of wages and deterioration of conditions, but have secured increased wages and shorter hours.

When danger of war became imminent for our own country among the first suggestions for "preparedness" were proposals to tear down all the protective measures secured by labor strike. Again the organized labor movement interposed protest to protect | medical skill. the workers.

Those who have suffered from war conditions and prices have been the unwould give them power to increase wages, and increased prices forced from Paducah.

them to reduce their standard of living. Another transition period is coming when the world returns to a peace footby which the people can meet and solve the problems of that period. Constructive organization, co-ordination, whether industrial or international, is the fundamental principle of preparedness

How Much Rest?

while doing so need no allowance for the threatened war. rest. On most kinds of work 10 per cent of working hours for rest should exposed to high temperatures, is subjected to anxiety or other nervous or work, or has to do heavy muscular trial Management.

Too Much "Efficiency."

The sufferings of women workers under the strain of stendily increasing work and long hours in factories described as "cluttered up" by efficiency engineers were related to the Massachusetts legislative committee on social welfare by Margaret Cleary, a

spinner employed in a mill at Ludlow. Speaking in behalf of a measure to provide a forty-eight hour working week for women and minors in manufacturing and mercantile establishments, she told of women who dropped under the strain from nervous exhaus-

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TENNESSEE

Epitome of Interesting Events That Are Transpiring Over the State 🥦 🛰 🎉

Newbern.-The Dyer county school air will be held at Dyersburg April 13. Lynnville.-An epidemic of whoop ing cough and measles is prevailing at

Union City.-Joel B. Waddell has announced his candidacy for county

court judge here. Clarksville,-The Montgomery coun ty Sunday school convention at Anti-

och, was a success. Johnson City.-Bids have been asked on the construction of the new county asylum at the county farm.

Knoxville.-Day and night guards have been placed at both ends of the Tri-State and Poor Valley ridge rail-

Nashville,-A tornado swept through Trousdale county, wrecking homes barus and outhouses and twisting off large forest trees.

Dresden,-Weakley county corn club boys are making special effort this year to exceed even the enviable work they did last season.

Clarksville.—The board of trustees of the Odd Fellows' home have been called to meet in semi-annual session on Tuesday, April 10. Clarksville.—The ladies of the fed-

erated clubs have decided at an early date to furnish a banquet to the mayor and aldermen of the city. Newbern.-The Rev. George Beatty,

one of the best known citizens of Knoxville, has accepted the call to the Newbern Christian church. Chattanooga.-The senior class of

the University of Chattanooga offered its services to President Wilson as unit in the event of hostilities. Greeneville. - Following the construction of good roads in Greene coun-

ty all of the more important places are connected by automobile hack Newbern.-The members of the Churchtown church, four miles east of

amount of \$1,500 to erect A W

church building. Loudon.-Members of the Loudon john Jeffrey Pittsburg, Ky, peace. Industry and commerce in this county cow-testing association and their neighbors met in special session custom to make wage earners bear the and discussed problems that confront umbrella over his head to keep off the He died in 1847.

> Jackson.-The Rev. M. E. Dodd, a prominent minister in the Baptist church, who was educated at Union university, this city, has received a and prevent impulsive destruction and | call to the First Baptist church in Dal-

Waverly.-The U.S. department of agriculture, through its bureau of plant industry, has asked T. H. Richardson, county agent of Humphreys county, for information relative to Alsike or Swed-

Bristol.-At the head of a half milafter years of struggle. Members of lion dollar company and recognized as congress proposed to repeal the eight a leading business spirit here, Earl E. hour law and to deny the right to Huntsman, 26, died suddenly from an illness the nature of which baffled

Clarksville.-At the parish meeting of the Trinity church the Rev. Ramunorganized or the poorly organized. da de Ovies announced his decision to They have had no leverage which remain in Clarksville. Several days ago Mr. de Ovies received an offer

Paris.-Crawford Wynne, who was charged with the murder of his fathering. Organization is the only agency in-law, T. P. Robbins, in old 23d district, last winter, was given a trial in circuit court here and acquitted on the plea of self-defense.

Knoxville.—The beginning of the work of double tracking the Southern railway from Morristown to a point within a few miles of Asheville, which Workers who are used mostly to will complete the double track from watch machines in operation and who Knoxville to Asheville, costing \$5,000,are seated and otherwise comfortable | 000, may be delayed on account of

Kenton.-The members of Kenton be allowed for males and 12 per cent District Knights of Pythias will hold for females. Rest should be increased their district convention at Kenton on beyond this according as the worker is | March 28. The following lodges comprise the Kenton district: Humboldt Lodge No. 56 of Humboldt, Excelsior mental strain in connection with his Lodge No. 16 of Trenton, Rathbone Lodge No. 65 of Martin, E. S. Mallory work .- George H. Shephard in Indus- Lodge No. 20 of Obion, Rosalind Lodge No. 81 of Trimble and Minnehaha Lodge No. 47 of Newbern.

Alamo.-A temporary organization of the Alamo fruit growers has just been effected in a meeting here, with the selection of S. H. Burnett, president; C. V. Young, secretary, and H. B. Nance, assistant secretary.

Bristol.-Now that Washington and Johnson counties have entered the list of good roads counties, the former by its vote, when it decided upon a road bond issue of \$759,000, and elected commissioners to construct roads, East Tennessee is practically assured of a comprehensive system of macadam highways.

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Where is Christmas a legal national holiday in this country?

Christmas is a legal holiday in every state and territory. The national government does not designate holidays for the different states to observe.

How poor was "Job's turkey," and who gave the expression prominence? "As poor as Job's turkey" is an expression originated by Judge Haliburton, author of "Sam Slick," and as it represents the extremes of poverty and forlornness this mythical bird is used in a figurative way to designate anything or anybody that has reached the last stages of poorness. It is described as being "so poor that the turkey had only one feather in its tail and was obliged to lean against a fence to gobble." It may not be amiss to state that the Biblical Job never had a turkey, as this fowl is a native of America and was never heard of until this country began to be settled by Europeans.

How many troops has Great Britain in Egypt now?

In Egypt and on the Suez canal, etc. about 200,000 to 225,000, it is said.

How large was the amount paid by China as indemnity for the boxer rebel-\$330,000,000.

How did the word "stogie" originate as applied to the long cigar sold at the

cigar stands? The word "stogie" probably originated in the middle west. There were and may be now more stogies smoked there than any other kind of tobacco. A long time ago in the Pennsylvania lumber regions the timber was transported to market by means of teams. The teamsters in most instances had a long haul and ordinarily would take a whole day to reach their destination, which was Conestoga. Instead of taking their pipes, the teamsters would lay in a goodly supply of Pennsylvania tobacco and as they drove along with one hand would roll it into shape for smoking. These rolls came to be known as Conestogas, and as time went on the word was contracted to "stogles."

Who made the first umbrella and where was it used?

No one knows who made the first umbrella. Jonas Hanway of London was the first man on record to carry one over his head to keep off the rain. Umbrellas seem to have been known as far back as the days of Nineveh and Newbern, have donated funds to the Persepolis, for representations of them appear frequently in the sculptures of se early days. The women of anclent Rome and Greece carried them, but the men did not. Mr. Hanway is said to be the first man who walked the streets of London with an open rain. He was much ridiculed and is said to have used it for thirty years before umbrellas came into general use for this purpose.

> What is the record of Lady Eglantine for egg production?

In the year Oct. 13, 1914-15, Lady Eglantine laid 314 eggs. This is said to be the nearest to an egg a day of any hen's record.

Can you tell me what high scores were recently made in marksmanship with fourteen inch guns in the navy?

In the Chesapeake bay trials the big guns of the dreadnaughts Pennsylvania and Oklahoma hit the target re peatedly at a distance of 20,000 yards, or more than ten miles. The Pennsylvania's score was better than the Oklahoma's at that distance, but the Oklahoma outshot the Pennsylvania at 18, 000 yards.

Who was the first woman hanged in the United States?

Mary Dyer, a Quakeress. On the 27th of October, 1659, a gallows stood on Boston common, and three condemned Quakers-William Robinson, Marmaduke Stevenson and Mary Dyer -were led out to execution. They were accompanied by the train band, and drums were beaten to drown their testimony. The town was put under guard of thirty-six soldiers against apprehended trouble. The woman walked between her two companions, holding each of them by a hand. The marshal asked her "if she was not ashamed to walk hand in hand between two young men." She replied: "It is an hour of the greatest joy I can enjoy in this world. No eye can see nor can ear hear nor can tongue speak nor can heart understand the sweet incomes and refreshings of the spirit of the

Lord which I now enjoy." The two men were hanged and buried beneath the gallows, but Mary Dyer after having the noose put round her neck was pardoned and sent to Rhode Island. The next spring she returned. On the gallows the second time, June 1, 1600, she was offered her life if she would promise to keep out of Massachusetts. Her reply was, "In obedience to the will of the Lord I came, and in his will I abide faithful to the death.' She did so.

Please explain the presence of canals

These canals are a part of the Adriatic sea. The city is built on 118 small islands or shoals in the gulf of Venice. These islets are connected by several hundred bridges, and the direction of the canals, of which there are nearly 200, are so formed as to constitute the "highways." Thus it is due to the situation of this city and not to special intention of man that it has canals of

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Can you tell me what is meant by talling an old joke a "Joe Miller?" Joseph Miller was a witty actor who was a favorite in the early part of the lighteenth century. The book called "Joe Miller's Jests," published a year after the death of the actor in 1738, was the work of John Mottley, but the term has been used to pass on not only the original stories used by Miller, but thousands of jokes manufactured long after Miller's death. Joe Miller's jokes were told and retold so often that the word became synonymous with any oft

What became of Murat, the famous French marshal, after the fall of Napoleon? Did any of the family ever come to the United States?

Joachim Murat, the marshal rad brother-in-law of Napoleon and sometime king of Naples, was condemned by court martial upon his return to Italy in 1815 and was later shot. His son, Napoleon Achille Murat, came to the United States a few years after his father's death and settled a Florida. He married a grandniece of Washington and was also appointed postmaster of one of the small towns of the state,

1. What is the greatest height ever made by any balloon or air craft? 2. What is the greatest ocean depth at which man has fished? 3. What is the greatest depth that man has been in

1. The greatest height recorded was in England for scientific purposes in 1862 of 37,000 feet, or seven miles. In 1894 two German aeronauts reached a height of 34,500 feet. Of twenty-eight experimental ascents made in England only six reached an altitude of more than 21,120 feet, or four miles. 2. There is no record on the subject. 3. Those who tried to raise the United States submarine at Honolulu harbor worked at a depth of 288 feet. Divers equipped with protecting apparatus work at depths from 120 to 150 feet. The pearl divers of Australia work at a depth of 120 feet and the sponge fishers of the Mediterranean at 150 feet. The recovery of lost treasure by a professional diver at a depth of 182 feet was considered remarkable and has never been surpassed.



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